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Age: 66

Length of Residency in Alaska: 35 years

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Anchorage, 34 years since 1983; Juneau, 1986-87
District 25 since 1992!

Education: Louisiana State University, B.S. Personnel Management (1975).

Political and Government Positions: Anchorage School Board, 2008-17

Business and Professional Positions:

30 years providing human resource management and corporate compliance services to Alaskan businesses including Copper River Native Association, Fairbanks Native Association, Chugach Management Services, Kodiak Area Native Association, Coastal Village Regional Fund, SEARHC, North Star Behavioral Hospital, and Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

Service Organization(s) Membership:

Abbott Loop Community Patrol, Abbott Loop Community Council, Parent Teacher Organizations where my children went to school, Friends of the Library, Alaska School Board Association, National School Board Association, and Society of Human Resources Management. I also provide pro bono human resources consulting services to Girls Scouts of Alaska.

Special Interests:

My lovely wife, my three children, six grandchildren, fishing, camping, golf, and cooking.

Position Statement:

We must bring change to Juneau!

Knocking on doors and having conversations, my friends and neighbors frequently voice both their concern and vision for Alaska.

We must address Alaska's fiscal crisis. In the last six years, the Legislature spent \$14 billion of \$16 billion from Alaska's budget reserves while they cut essential services in public safety, courts, education, and roads. As well, Alaska owes \$1 billion in tax credit debt to oil companies. *What can we do?*

Build a long-term fiscal plan. Define adequate funding for essential services to meet our public safety, education, and infrastructure obligations. Alaska's Constitution requires we develop our natural resources to benefit to Alaska.

Protect the PFD. Over the last six years of deficit spending, Alaska has lost over 8,000 jobs. Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend is a key contributor to our jobs and economy. The Legislature's FY2019 Operating Budget still has a \$1 billion deficit after taking \$1 billion from the 2018 PFD.

Prioritize Public Safety. Crime in our neighborhoods is a serious problem. We must fully fund and support public safety and the courts to ensure our community is safe.

I know we can do it! I served on the Anchorage School Board nine years and successfully challenged the status quo. Graduation rates went from 64% (2008) to 81% (2017) and we reduced school administration costs every year.

A strong, diversified economy will ensure Alaska's future for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your support.

I would appreciate your vote!



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